

REMARKS

The claims are amended in order to sufficiently correspond to the granted claims in Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-093015. Together with this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants also filed a Submission of Request for Participation in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program requesting accelerated examination of this application.

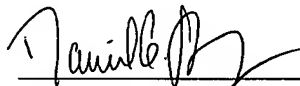
Examination of this application in light of this amendment is respectfully requested.

The Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment for consideration before a first Office Action and request favorable action with respect to this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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